Nursing Assistant

**Job Description:** Nursing assistants provide basic patient care under direction of nursing staff.

**What do Nursing Assistants do?**

* Administer medications or treatments to patients.
* Answer patient call signals to determine patients’ needs.
* Apply clean dressings, slings, or support bandages, under direction of a nurse or physician.
* Assist nurses or physicians in the operation of medical equipment or provision of patient care.
* Feed patients or assist patients to eat or drink.
* Clean and sanitize patient rooms.
* Communicate with patients to determine feelings or need for assistance or support.
* Document or report observations of patient behavior, complaints, or physical symptoms to nurses.

**Outlook: Bright**

Average Salary - $11.54 hourly, $24,010 annual

Projected Job Openings – 422,300 over the next 10 years.

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like to help people?
* Do you work well with others?
* Are you good at following instructions?
* Do you respond quickly to solve problems?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Complete a Nursing Assistant training program provided by a 2-year college or specialized school.